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(*b*) whether, instead, the Government have permitted the authority competent to grant the leave in such cases to accept the said medical certificate or to secure a second medical opinion by sending the applicant for medical examination; and

(*c*) whether any representation was received on the subject; and, if so, when and with what result?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that the registered Medical Practitioner, who gives the certificate, will know more about the case—because he is treating the case—than the District Medical Officer before whom the patient appears for the nonce?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH:—"I am not prepared to answer that question."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"Suppose a man is suffering from pneumonia; the Registered Medical Practitioner says that he is suffering from that disease and that he requires so many months' leave. If the man is asked to go to the District Surgeon after the expiry of fifteen days or one month, the patient might have been completely cured and the District Surgeon may say that he is quite all right?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH:—"Given the premises, the hon. Member is perfectly right."

Fee concessions to students in the Medical College, Vizagapatam.

* 515 *Q.*—MAHBOOB ALI BAIG SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students from the Medical College, Vizagapatam, applied for half-fee concession during 1931, 1932 and 1933, and how many of such applications were granted and how many were rejected; and

(*b*) what the reasons were for the rejection of the applications?

A.—(*a*)—

	1931.	1932.	1933.
Number of students who applied for half-fee concession	7	Nil.	5
Number of students who were granted half-fee concession ..	3	Nil.	Nil.
Number of applications which were rejected	4	Nil.	5

(*b*) Rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules which governs the grant of half-fee concession gives discretion to the Principal of the College to grant the concession to students whose parents or guardians are so poor that the grant of the concession is necessary. The Principal of the College exercised his discretion and rejected four applications during 1931.

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No applications were entertained during 1932. During 1933 five candidates, while applying for admission to the College, stated that they required the half-fee concession. They were informed before admission that such concessions were not admissible.

In August 1931 the Principal of the College received a communication from the Surgeon-General stating that the Director of Public Instruction had submitted a proposal to the Government to abolish as a measure of retrenchment the system of half-fee concession. The Principal thought that pending a decision on this question he could not grant any half-fee concession. The proposal of the Director of Public Instruction, however, was confined to the educational institutions under his control. Thus the action of the Principal in having refused to grant the concession during 1932 and 1933 was due to a misapprehension.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Will the Government see that fee concessions are given at least in the future?"

Mr. E. Conran Smith:—"The Government have already issued instructions to the Principal of the Medical College."

X-ray facilities provided by Government.

* 516 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what hospitals or other institutions X-ray apparatus has been provided by the Government;

(*b*) what does one such installation cost; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to install it at Mangalore?

A.—(*a*) X-ray installations are available at the following centres:—

(1) Government X-Ray Institute, Madras.
(2) Government Rayapuram Hospital, Madras.
(3) Government Headquarters Hospital, Vizagapatam.
(4) Government Headquarters Hospital, Ootacamund.
(5) Government Headquarters Hospital, Coimbatore.
(6) Government Headquarters Hospital, Cocanada.
(7) Government Headquarters Hospital, Berhampur.
(8) Government Headquarters Hospital, Madura.
(9) Government Headquarters Hospital, Tanjore.

(*b*) The cost of one diagnostic X-ray outfit is about £600.

(*c*) No.

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—"May I ask whether the Government have prepared a scheme for introducing X-ray installation at each hospital?"

Mr. E. Conran Smith:—"No."